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BENJAMIN M. DILLEY - HAZARD COMMUNITY
Between Frost and Dunmore

Benjamin Arbogast one of the pioneers of the Hazard community built a brick house where Cornelius Hazard now lives. It was in this house they had all of their first preaching services. The young folks, their shoes in hand, walked to Greenbank to Church on Sunday. On their return they attended Sunday school and prayer meeting which was conducted at John Suttons barn. When they did all of their shopping at Hot Springs, Virginia, with only a narrow path wide enough for a horse, we do not wonder that they made no more than four trips a year, and that they treasured their shoes.

Their first church was of logs built about 1878, the land for the land on which this church was built was given December 16, 1878 by Morgan Buzzard and Rhoda his wife to Sampson Buzzard, Clark Dilley, Jane B. Grimes, Stephen d. Lamless and Arminius Buzzard, trustees. 2 acres and 4 poles for the sum of \$1.00.

Some of the early members were: Morgan Buzzard, Sampson Buzzard, Allenor Buzzard, Rhoda Buzzard, Peter Buzzard, Matiline Buzzard, Sarah Lindsey, John Lindsey, Welly Grimes, Jane B. Grimes, Welly Arbogast, Clark Dilley, Margaret

Diller, and Frances Bussard.

About 1900 the people of the community decided that this old church was no longer safe to use for it looked as if it was going to fall down, so they decided to build a new church on the same lot.

Timber was plentiful and there was a saw mill in the community owned by J. W. Bussard. It was agreed the people would contribute timber enough to build the church and have it shod on this mill. It was completed in 1903 at a cost of \$1100. All of this amount was paid by the people of the community, with the exception of \$40, which was paid by the church extension. James Grogg and O. B. Sharp were the carpenters. The building committee consisted of George Arbogast, Howard Bussard, Ellis Bussard and P. Moore, but Howard and Ellis Bussard were the main ones who went ahead with the work.

John Lindsey, Howard Bussard and George Arbogast were the original trustees.

The inaugural service was preached by Rev. George P. Moore from Carey.

This church was used by the Methodists for many years, but as the people sent by several Brethren moved into the community and the Methodists let them use the church. At the present the Methodist minister preaches two Sundays per month and the Brethren minister the other two Sundays, though both denominations attend all services regardless of denomination, and all worship together in the Sunday school.

They have a 1000 sq. ft. building which with no storage attached is of 15 for the past year. There are no Ladies Aid or any other church organizations.

The main attendants are the families of M. L. Shinnberry, James Wilfong, Charles Wilfong, Anthony Barnett, Mrs. Wren Hill, Mrs. Lucy Moore and John Lindsay, with ^{Edward} H. Galford, J. L. Shinnberry, Anthony Barnett, Harvey Shinnberry, Charles Wilfong and Harry Buscard as the main church workers.

Present trustees: Anthony Barnett, Charles Wilfong and Edward Galford.

Present stewards: Mrs Cecil Shinnberry, Anthony Barnett and Charles Wilfong.

* From- History of Danmore-

by Ella Pritchard

x Church Records

Court Records

X Anthony Barnett

X Howard Buscard